



Rhode Island



Fresh Produce and Floral Economic Impact



Economic Impact:



\$381M

Total sales



\$26.7M

Total floral sales



7.8K

Total acres of fresh produce



3.3K

Total employees



554

Total farms

Opportunities to Increase Fruit and Vegetable Consumption:

85.9%

of adults across Rhode Island are not meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

\$20.8M

in Cash Value Benefits (CVB) for fruits and vegetables in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)

2

Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Programs (GusNIP)

No

Medicaid 1115 Waiver for Produce Prescriptions

Allows doctors to prescribe fruits and vegetables for patients



\$147M

Total wages

0

Fresh Produce and Tree Nuts Exports

12

H-2A Positions Certified in FY25

0

H-2A Applications Requested

59

H-2B Applications Requested



Farm Bill Investments in

Fruits and Vegetables:

\$2.8M

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) annually
Provides free fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to children at eligible elementary schools

\$1.6M

Organic production (\$)

\$87.8K

Pest and Disease Grants

257

Organic production volume (acres)

\$280K

Specialty Crop Block Grants

Sources: USDA, CDC, Nutrition Incentive Hub, National Produce Prescription Collaborative, DOL OFLC, DHS